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Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Group No. 1651

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: KINO et al
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For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING AMINO ACIDS BY
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

February 25, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 29, 2002, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 2 and 3 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend Claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (twice amended) A method for producing L-histidine which comprises: